KENNEDY'S TURN TO SUE.

C. A. SCHULTZ GETS A VERDICT FOR 8575 FOR A HORSE'S FALL.

Mrs. Berthn Spengler Recovers \$500 for a Fall on a Defective Sidewalk-The City Lost Two Cases in One Day.

The city lost two cases in the circult court yesterday, the verdicts aggregating \$1.67d. Charles A. Schultz recovered \$575 because his horse fell into an excavation and threw him into an unconscious condition. The verdict in this case apparently leaves John F. Kennedy with a good case against the city. The municipality, however, will be saved by the legal provision that the alleged train robber, being bound on an unlawful mission, cannot recover.

Mrs. Bertha L. Spengler secured a verdict for \$500 for injuries received by falling on a defective sidewalk.

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The latter case is one of the "celebrated cases" in division No. 3. The plaintiff is an old woman, and her injuries were such as to give her St. Vitus' dance. At any rate she was suffering from such an affection of the facial muscless and her contortions were incessant. During the trial of the case a very voluble young woman was on the wintess stand. She taiked a continuous stream and could not be shut off. Judge Gates finally spoke rather sharply to her and, looking up a moment afterwards, he perceived Mrs. Spengler, her face twitching and giving every apparent evidence that the old woman was laboring under intense excitement, whereas it was her normal condition. It was early in the trial and Judge Gates was ignorant of the plaintiff's affliction. He instantly concluded that she was the young woman's mother and was fixing to give him a tongue lashing because he spoke sharply to her supposed daughter. All during that session the judge was uncasy expecting an outburst when court adjourned. He was greatly relieved when the true state of affairs was made known.

It was during the former trial of this case that George L. Jones, first assistant city counselor, induked in some withering sarcasm that has become historical about the court house. Mrs. Spengler was on the stund and Mr. Jones asked her if she had been afflicted with the facial contortions before the accident. She replied in the negative, and the contortions increased in vigor.

"Then before the accident." asked Mr. in vigor.
"Then before the accident." asked Mr. Jones, "you always displayed the calm and imperturbable manner of the present

The sarcasm rolled off the plaintiff like water off a duck's back, but the spectators enjoyed it, EXPECT A DECISION MONDAY.

Opinion of Judge Rogers in the Boyer Case to Be Read in the Federal Court To-morrow.

The opinion of Federal Judge Rogers in criminal case brought by the government against Harry Boyer, of the Dold Packing Company, will be read in the fedcral court to-morrow morning by Judge Philips. It was received from Fort Smith crai court to-morrow morning by Judge Philips. It was received from Fort Smith yesterday morning. The case is one of especial interest. Boyer is foreman of the fresh meat department of the Dold Packing Company, and was indicted on three separate counts on the charge of trying to bribe government inspectors to pass back into the house carcasses of beeves that had been condemned. The defense filed a demurrer on the ground that the inspectors of the bureau of animal industry had no right to inspect anything except interstate commerce shipments, and that the articles they pretended to inspect at the packing house were not at that time subject to the regulations of that commerce the government had no right to inspect, and was exceeding its powers. District Attorney Walker maintained that the right of the government was ample under right of the government was ample unde the general welfare clause of the constitu

tion.

The case was argued in November, and was jointly considered by Judges Rogers and Philips. Judge Rogers decided to write his decision and ruling on the demurrer. He has taken ample time in which to do it, and the opinion will be an interesting contribution to the legal interpretation of the interstate commerce laws of the country. If the demurrer is sustained the case falls; if it is denied there will be an appeal on a writ of error and the final court will pass upon the the final court will pass upon the tion. If the demurrer is sustained it practically invalidates the foundation of the entire bureau of animal industry.

WAS THE DOG STOLEN?

Russ Claims It Followed Him Home and if So. Does That Com-

prise Theft? If a dog follows a man to his home and

takes up its residence with him is the man amenable to the law for theft? If man amenable to the law for theft? If he feeds the dog, can the owner be forced to pay for the food? It remains for Justice Walls to adjudicate these perplexing problems. Tony Armenio, of 550 Gillis street, owns a saloon and a \$100 dog. The dog followed J. P. Buss to his home at 537 Cherry street and refused to be driven away, Buss says. So he fed it.

"Eat?" says Buss, "you never see such a dog to eat. His eatin' cost me \$1 a day."

Armenio has kept a saloon long enough to be suspicious of mankind in general and Buse in particular—especially, after hear-ing the story about the dog following him home. So he had Buss arrested for thert. Buss thinks he ought to be reimbursed for feeding the dog. Justice Walls has not announced his decision.

NO COLLISIONS WITH TEAMS. Metropolitan Sued for Permitting a

Horse to Try to Board a Moving Train. The Metropolitan Street Railway Com

pany will please hereafter refuse to allow any teams to collide with it. The company's failure to observe this policy led R. T. Mansfield to sue the company for \$1,950 yesterday. He alleges that the company negligently and carelessly permitted a horse and wagon to collide with the car on which Mr. Mansfield was riding.

Andrew Silas wants \$1,350 from the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad for injuries received while working at Limestone Gap, I. T.

C. E. Fearon sued Ira M. Palmer for ny's failure to observe this policy led R. T

T. Fearon sued Ira M. Palmer for C. E. Fearon sued Ira M. Palmer for 1,133 because Mrs. Fearon was thrown from a wagon which he had bought from Palmer. It is alleged that the king bolt pulled out and caused the accident. John Carr was taken to the Insane asy-tan at St. Joseph yesterday by Humane Officer Greenman. Officer Greenman.

Annexation Case Argued.

Judge Gates yesterday took under advisement the case involving the validity of the annexation of Westport so far as it affects the Westport school district. Attorney Frank H. Dexter, for the Westport board, argued along a peculiar line. He contended that under the state law Kansas City and St. Louis were charter cities and City and St. Louis were charter they could not be empowered by the legis lature to extend their limits.

\$25,000 FOR A BROKEN HEART Breach of Promise Suit Filed the Next Day After Plaintiff Got Her Conge.

Daniel Dore, a department store employe, will have to practice the most rigid econ-omy for some time to come if Mrs. Lizzie Thornton, of Sixth and Walnut streets, wins her \$25,000 breach of promise suit. Mrs. Thornton charges Dore with breaking off their engagement after she had spent \$150 on a trousseau, because his religion prohibited him from marrying a direed woman.

Pinintiff's Drunkenness the Defense

W. Lancaster, John Fleming and Johnson Lawson were arraigned before Justice Walis yesterday on complaint of Gus Johnson, a saloonkeeper at 85 West Twelfth street, who claims they robbed his till while he was askeep. They said they would prove that he was drunk and seemed to think that decompance sufficiently extensating. stance sufficiently extenuating.

Poolroom Cases Go Over Again.

The poolroom cases were again put off in Judge Slover's court yesterday until next Saturday. Attorney Farr falled to appear and the cases went over. It is the understanding that the suits will not be pushed until after the decision on pendagories. cases in the criminal court.

Three Bad Boys Sent to Jatl.

Three Bad Boys Sent to Jail.

The three hoy arrested the other day for stealing scraps of brass and breaking off York.

ed free. Humphreys' Medicine Company, New York.

brass fixtures about the Kansas City, Missouri, Gas Company's plant, were sentenced to ten days in jail by Justice Walls yesterday. Their names are Tom Smith, Harry Martin and Jim Murphy.

Court Briefs

The will of the late Mrs. Laura Holmes was filed for probate yesterday. A small estate is left to her daughter, Laura C. Holmes. Nannie Anderson brought suit yesterday for divorce from George Anderson on the ground of adultery. Lettie Carter sued Charles Carter for divorce on statutory

The Crane company sued the National Water Tube Boiler Company yesterday for an unpaid balance on the Turkey creek station pump and enjoined the city from paying over the balance in its hands. The arguments in the injunction sub brought by F. A. Farmer to restrain the board of trade from suspending him were heard by Judge Gates yesterday, and the case was taken under advisement.

CLYDE MATTOX LIVING HERE.

What a Former Ardmore, I. T. Neighbor Has to Say of Him and His Mother.

E. W. Wilson, of the Ardmore (I. T.) Chronicle, is in the city. He has sent the following correspondence to his paper from Kansas City:

Since coming here I have met Mrs. Hatch

and her son, Clyde Mattox. They are liv-ing here very quietly, and I am sure they are two as happy people as could be found in Kansas City. They were glad to meet me, coming from Ardmore. They have many warm friends here. Clyde has now been a free man a little more than a been a free man a little more than a month. He is broken in health, but says he is rapidly regaining his former strength. Of him I can conscientiously say I never met a more pleasant gentleman. His mother is a good woman, a perfect type of the true American mother. She is venerable in appearance, not aged from the weight of years, but from the trials and anxieties through which she has been called to pass in rescuing her son first from the gallows through which she has been called to pass in rescuing her son first from the gallows and then from a life sentence in the penisentiary. She accomplished these almost miracles by her own personal efforts. From the day the extreme penalty of the law was imposed upon her boy until the president signed his pardon she has fought for the attainment of that one purpose She followed President Cleveland to Buzzard's Bay, and there in his summer home pleadfollowed President Cleveland to Buzzard's Bay, and there in his summer home pleaded successfully for the life of the object of her affection. That was a victory, but not one that satisfied the desire of her heart, so she labored on, bearing the burden of her life with that Christian fortitude that is only found in a mother's heart, when troubles such as hers come upon her. Her appeal to President McKinley, though encompassed by what appeared insurmountable obstacles, was not in vain. Her handsome face beamed with joy and pride as she told me of the happiest moment of her life, when the president from his own lips told her she should have her boy.

Clyde neither drinks, smokes or chews. In fact, people here who have watched him closely pronounce him a model young man.

STUDY OF CHRISTIAN MANHOOD Class 21 Will Discuss One Leader Each Sunday Morning at First

Congregational Church. Class 21, an organization of young m will meet every Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock at the First Congregational church and make a comprehensive study of the "Evolution of Christian Manhood." interesting programme of subjects has been arranged which is as follows:
March 6-The apostle, Paul. The organizer. The traveler.
March 13-The martyr, Justin. Why did Rome persecute Christianity? Justin's apol-

March 20—The hermit, St. Simeon Stylites,
The man on the pillar. The cave dwellers
of the East.
March 27—The knight, Richard Coeur de
Leon. Richard the Crusader. The Holy
Grail.
April 3—The monk, St. Bernard. Bernard
and his gospel of work. Monastic life in
Hypatia.

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April 10-The reformers, Luther and Calvin. A live man vs. a dead institution. Calvinism and free government.

April 17-The counter reformation, Ignatius Loyola. Loyola and his army. The Jesuit of to-day.

April 24-The Puritans. Cromwell and Milton. Soldler and scholar. William Brewster: what he founded and what came of it. May 1-The evangelist, John Wesley. A life vs. a formula. Chalmers, the apostie to weavers and coal miners.

May 8-The social reformer, Kingsley, Kingsley and his work. The Salvation Army, Municipal reform in the United States.

MORE FORTUNE HUNTERS.

Warham Easley, Captain Shawhan and Others Will Join the Gold Diggers.

Warham Easiey, who has been clerking in Henry Stonestreet's office at the court house for two years, resigned his position last evening and will leave to-morrow for Edmonton, B. C., where he will purchase Edmonton, B. C., where he will purchase and prepare the outfit for a party that will join him there late in March to go to the gold regions of the Yukon. The party will be composed of Captain Shawhan, of Columbia, Mo., football team, Henry Ludwig, a farmer from Pleasant Hill, and Kid Church, a grocer at Oak Grove. They will complete their local arrangements and expect to Join him there to start about March 20 for the gold hunt. They will take a year's provisions and each man will also take six horses for the pack trade. They expect to walk the 1,500 miles that lie between Edmonton and the gold fields. They are to locate about 100 miles east of Dawson City. They figure on shooting their horses before the long winter sets in and contemplate the possibility of having to subsist on horse steak for their delectation during the winter if provisions get short. They are hopeful of finding a big furtune and ultimately floating down to the Yukon and back to civilization with large buckskin pouches well filled with gold dust and nuggets.

High School Lecture Course.

There are some attractive speakers announced for the remaining dates in the High school lecture course. The management yesterday announced two extra lectures in the course. One on March 8, by Major Pond, the lecture manager, who will speak on "Twenty Years a Dealer In Other Men's Brains," a descriptive narrative of the men be has managed and on March 12. Men's Brains, a descriptive narrative of the men he has managed, and on March 12 by F. Marion Crawford, the novelist. These two extra numbers are believed to be the most attractive yet offered. They will be followed by John Temple Graas, of the Atlanta Constitution; Bob Burdette, the hunerist, and General John B. Gordon

Dining Car Line. Kansas City to Salt Lake, Denver, San Francisco and all points West, Union Pa-cific, of course.

BREAKS UP

If It's a Cold

Take "Seventy-seven." If it is La Grippe-It's a Cold.

Take "Seventy-seven." If it is Influenza-It's a Cold."

Take "Seventy-seven." If your Throat is Sore-It's a Cold.

Take "Seventy-seven." If you Cough-It's a Cold.

Take "Seventy-seven." If you have Catarrh-It's a Cold.

Take "Seventy-seven." If your Chest hurts-It's a Cold.

Take "Seventy-seven." If it is Bronchitis-It's a Cold.

LOCAL AGENTS ARE WINNING SIX COMPANIES HAVE ABANDONED

MULTIPLE SYSTEM. March Meeting of the Union in St. Louis Expected to Have an Important Effect Upon the

The Kansas City agents who are making determined effort to induce the companies to return to the single agency system seem to be on the eve of carrying their While no formal reply has been ent by the companies to the recent petition of the agents, and while none will be sent until after the March meeting of the union in St. Louis, yet half a dozen of the Kanas City companies have taken up their multiple agencies and placed their business in the hands of a single agent. These companies are the Manchester, the

Matter-Other Business.

Milwaukee Mechanics', the Home of New York, the Aetna of Hartford, the Germania, and the Greenwich. The meeting of the union in St. Louis

next month will undoubtedly take action on the matter. The union is composed of fire managers and agents, and meets twice a year. At this meeting it is proposed to abrogate the tariff on sprinkled risks. In the last several years the companies writing equipped have been granted various concessions enabling them to hold their old and even secure some new busi-ness, but operations have been conducted under restrictions which do not allow of

under restrictions which do not allow of the free competition desired.

A quiet sounding of the views of the vari-ous managers, members of the union, is now going on. The advices sent out ask if it is not advisable to increase the powers of the companies for the purpose of com-peting with the New England mutuals.

The Factory Association members are all for free competition in sprinkled business. or free competition in sprinkled business, and it is from one of its number that the present suggestion comes. Association com panies have made, comparatively speaking large amount of money on, the class and are looking for new fields to conquer. are looking for new fields to conquer.
With an abrogated tariff and no restrictions they claim they will be able to sweep the Western states and offer a competition the New England mutuals will not be able to withstand. Competition between some of the combinations is very keen, but those operating on an independent basis have, of course, a great advantage.

K. C. L. U. MEETS.

Refuses to Reduce Dues-Will Meet in Some Popular Resort and

Have Refreshments. The February business meeting of the Kansas City Life Underwriters' Association was held in the parlors of the Midland hotel on the afternoon of the 21st inst. There was a fair representation of the membership present and considerable business was disposed of. The proposition to reduce the annual dues, as recommended by the executive committee, was quite generally discussed, and on a final vote suffered an almost unanimous defeat. The boys are inclined to unceremoniously reject and mark with a stamp of disapproval anything that would tend to even appear to cheapen or belittle the association. A proposition to hold the next business meeting at some popular resort during the noonday lunch hour and have refreshments suitable for the occasion was viewed with signal favor and the chalrman of the executive committee was instructed accordingly.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Simpson, who was expected to read a paper, that part of the business of the meeting was postponed. New Members were elected as follows: William M. Thompson, of the Mutual Life, and George E. Rollo, assistant superintendent of the Metropolitan. The meeting then adjourned. ship present and considerable business was

WAR INSURANCE CHEAP.

Rates Asked by Marine Companies Do Not Indicate Much Danger of Conflict.

New York, Feb. 26.-Fear of war has not yet attacked the shipping interests, for, although there have been many inquiries to the marine companies for "war rates, only one policy has yet been issued. This only one policy has yet been issued. This is on the vessel it is proposed to use in connection with raising the Maine.

At the first evidence of any real uneasiness among shippers war policies would be in demand, as a clause in the regular marine policies exempts the underwriting interests from damage if the loss occurs on account of war. recount of war.
This clause provides that in case loss oc-

cures through capture, seizure, detention of destruction arising from any belligerent no destruction arising from any beligerent na-tion or by or from any officer, civil or mil-itary, or other person claiming to act in their name or under their authority or in their behalf, the assured shall have no claim against the underwriters.

Hartford Wins the Novak Case. In the case of Novak & Jelik vs. the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Vinton, Ia., an action to recover the amount of insurance on the Walford store building burned on the night of February 2 last, in which Edward Murray lost his life, a verdict was found for the defendant. Judge Caswell ruled in the trial of the case that the wilful burning of the partnership property by Frank A. Novak was not defense in favor of the insurance company when sued by the firm, thus precluding for the jury all evidence in the trial that went to show that he, Frank A. Novak, set fire to the building, but notwithstanding the ruling of the court the jury must have evidently thought that Frank A. Novak, who it is pretty generally supposed burned evidently thought that Frank A. Novak, who it is pretty generally supposed burned the property to cover up the crime of murdering Edward Murray, whose charred building, and for which he has been convicted and is now serving a life sentence at Anamosa, should not as a member of the firm receive pay for burning the property as an individual, if he did burn it, for its verdict was promptly rendered for the defendant company.

Programme for St. Joe Meeting. John A. Bryant, of this city, secretary of the state association of local fire agents, is busy arranging the programme for the annual meeting of the association at St. Joseph, April 14 and 15. The programme has been only partially mapped out to date.

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P. V. Wise, of St. Joseph. will deliver the address of welcome. W. G. Baird, of this city, will deliver the president's address. W. E. Underwood, of this city, and H. E. Bucklingham, of St. Joseph. are already slated for papers. In addition to the above, papers will be read by agents from St. Louis, Springfield and Sedalia.

The national association will meet in Detroit July 15 and 16.

Shrinking in Milwaukee Premiums. Milwaukee, Feb. 26.-Returns for fire usurance taxes, nearly all in, indicate shrinkage in city premiums of not far from \$5,000 for the past year. In spite of this shrinkage, not confined to Milwauke: this sprinkage, not confined to Milwaukee or Wisconsin, there appears to be a speculative movement in the insurance world that may well be regarded with apprehension. The stock of the Milwaukee Mechanics now readily brings 800; and the stock of its new consort was quoted on the street yesterday at 115. The capitalization of "Lioyds" and of "Underwriters" floods the country with clamprous premum the country with clamorous premium seekers while many old companies want double lines—all on a falling market.

Marine Rates Not Advanced.

New York, Feb. 26.-Notwithstanding all eports to the contrary, marine insurance ates have not been advanced as a result of the war scare now prevailing in many sections. All the marine companies in this city to-day flatly denied the report, and pointed to the fact that marine policies carried with them an exemption from indemnity if a loss occurs on account of war. The only war risk asked for was to cover vessels used by the wrecking compa-nies engaged to raise the Maine.

A New Rating Scheme.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 25.—The Cleveland board of underwriters has agreed to adopt a new scheme for rating, beginning March I. Hereafter rates for this city will be made by the Cochran rate burean of Columbus. Rates were formerly made by a committee of five, one member dropping out each month. This led to some cutting and a very apparent instability of rates. The change was brought about through the efforts of several local agents and their companies.

"Riders" Declared Unconstitutional Take "Seventy-seven."

At druggists or sent prepaid on receipt of price 25c, 50c or \$1.00.

Ask for Dr. Humphreys' Specific Manual of all Diseases at your Druggists or Mailed free.

Humphreys' Medicine Company, New 1, 1888, but in case of June Course insured for unoccupied from September 1, 1897, to June 1, 1888, but in case of June Course insured for the policy had a rider which provided the cottage might remain vacant and unoccupied from September 1, 1897, to June 1, 1888, but in case of June Course in the Course of June Course of June Course in the Course of June Course in the Course of June Co

A SEPARATE CURE ENTHUSIASTIC FOR MR. GREEN FOR EACH DISEASE.

Sense as well as Science in Munyon's Improved System.



Prof. Mun-yon's discover-les, which are borne out by scientific exfact that there separate spe ciflo for eac disease. In the ure in the in ease is impos-Munyon has doubt. Professor Munyon in-vites you to write to him, at 1.505 Arch Street. Phila-delphia, for free medical advice.

J. R. Elliott, 440 W. 14th St., Wichita, Kan., says: "I had the Diarrhoea for over five years, and have been treated by some of the most eminent physicians in Illinois and Kansas, but failed to receive any results, until I tried your wonderful Remedy. I was a terrible sufferer both night and day, and was unable to stand up and work at my trade, and obliged finally to give it up. I spent hundreds of dollars with physicians without securing relief and was completely discouraged. Munyon's famous Diarrhoea Cure did me more good than all the doctors combined. My friends are greatly astonished at the results produced by your wonderful little pellets."

also contained the general thirty-day vacancy clause. The cottage had been vacant twenty-eight days when it burned.

Colorado Tax Question.

The county treasurers of Colorado are endeavoring to collect a tax on premums through agents of the fire insurance comthrough agents of the fire insurance com-panies doing business in the state. A statute of 1877 permitted such collection, but the attorney general, to whom the matter was recently submitted by the Colorado insur-ance commission, has decided that the act creating the insurance department, provid-ing amongst other things for a tax upon receipts of companies to be paid the state, repeals all acts in conflict therewith.

Policy Holders Assessed.

New York, Feb. 26.—Two thousand residents of New York and 2,300 persons from other parts of the country, policyholders in the United Life Association, which went into bankruptcy in August, 1896, have been levied upon for an assessment, amounting to \$188,000, by the receiver, Bernard S. Mc-Kean, the individual assessment being as sligh as \$1,000 in some cases. The New York holders received their notices to-day and the policyholders in other parts are expected to receive theirs to-morrow.

Companies doing a surety and bonding business in Chicago are in the midst of a very keen rate war. Some figures quoted are simply ridiculous, and a few companies are refusing to assume any further liability at such rates. There is no compact or agreement in Chicago among the fidelity companies as to rates, although experience has shown at what figure business can be safely written. The competition is so strong that the safety point is no longer regarded.

Hall Company Organized.

St. Paul, Feb. 25.—A new mutual hail insurance company is being organized at Blue Earth City, with S. P. Childs of St. Paul, president: T. W. Donovan, ex-sheriff of this county, vice president: C. H. Patton, of Winnebago City, secretary; W. B. Silliman, ex-county clerk, trensurer; John C. McLaughlin, manager of agencies. With one exception, all are business men. The company expects to begin business March 1

Exposition Water Question Settled. Omaha advices say that the differences between the water companies and the exposition commissioners are about to be settled, and that water will at once be turned into the mains on the exposition grounds. The plant is prepared with ample main and hydrant service, but because of differences the water company refused to make connections.

Against Overhead Writing.

Local boards in a number of cities have adopted resolutions against overhead writing, and the members are signing agreements not to represent any company which is not loyal to its agents. The Clarksville (Tenn.) board has forwarded copies of the agreement to the company managers, who are requested to co-operate in the work.

Auditor Will Accept No More Fees. Arthur Cornell, of Nebraska, notifies companies that all fees must hereafter be paid to the state treasurer. The ruling of the supreme court acquitting ex-Auditor Moore on a charge of withholding fees is given as the reason for the change. Auditor Cornell has returned nearly \$2,000 in fees received since the decision, with the instructions to forward them to the treasurer of the state.

Will Withdraw From Kansas. Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) State Superintendent of Insurance McNall has been advised that the State Mutual Life Insurance Company will withdraw from Kansas March 1. The expense entailed under the Kansas law does not justify the company in remaining in the state.

Kansas City Insurance Notes. J. F. Leighton, manager of the Security

Trust & Life Insurance Company of Phil-adelphia, with headquarters in St. Louis, was a visitor in the city this week. William A. Pierson becomes Kansas City narager of the Standard Life and Acci windam A. Fierson becomes Kansas City manager of the Standard Life and Acci det. He was junior member of the firm of Weed & Pierson, who have represented the company for some time. The senior member, F. C. Weed, has mysteriously dis appeared.

C. C. Courtney, general agent of the Mutuni Beneiit Life Insurance Company of New Jersey, left a few days ago for an Eastern trip. He was called to Washing-ton. D. C., on account of the serious illness of his father, and if more serious results do not follow, he will probably attend the meeting of the executive committee of the national association, which convenes in In-dianapolis early in March.

The loss ratio of fire companies last year in Minnesota was 45 per cent, as shown by reports to Commissioner Dearth. The rate cutting at Oconomowoc, Wis, seems to have subsided, the leading nonseems to have subsided, the leading non-union companies agreeing to co-operate. Superintendent McNall has debarred the Travelers' Accident and Sick Benefit Asso-ciation of Kansas City from operating in Kansas.

Companies are receiving diagrams from C. Hartman of Omaha, showing the equip-ment for fire protection on the grounds of the Trans-Mississippi exposition. The charter of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Wamego, Kas., was filed with the secretary of state of Kansas yesterday. The company has a board of lifteen directors.

Officers of the union are inclined to dis-Officers of the union are inclined to discredit the reports of any uneasiness in the organization among the members who have joined recently on account of the alieged petty tyranny practiced by several of the large companies. While matters seem to be quiet, there is a general feeling of dissatisfaction on the part of a large number of the managers of the smaller companies who object to the union being used as a means to further selfish aims without regard to the wishes of a majority of the members.

Two Hundred Sults Filed.

Yesterday was the last day of service for the March term of the circuit court at Independence. Over 200 suits have been filed during the term. Yesterday Julia B. Benge brought suit for divorce from J. F. Benge, and Julia Bauman brought suit for divorce from W. H. Bauman. W. A. Carpenter brought action in equity against William Flournoy, administrator of the estate of Luther Carpenter, deceased.

A Slight Cold, if neglected, often attacks the lungs. "Brown's Bronchial Troches" give sure and immediate relief. Sold only in boxes.

ROUSING MEETING LAST NIGHT AT EIGHTEENTH AND TROOST.

Speaker Smith Scores Mr. Faxon as a Bolter and Declares Mr. Karnes In Paying Off Metropolitan Debts Supporting Jones.

The rally at Troost avenue and Eighteenth streets last night under the auspices of the Greater Kansas City Republican Club and in the interest of John J. Green for the Republican nomination for mayor was a rousing demonstration. Speaker James G. Smith, of the lower house, declared that the Republican party of Greater Kansas City was in a desperate situation according to one of the candidates for the mayoralty nomination who had selected a bolter of two years ago to preside over his meeting and for the chief speaker one of the general attorneys of the Metropolitan Street Ralway Company. Frank A. Faxon. he declared, had been sore at the Republican party ever since it refused to elect him to the school board two years ago, and was now endeavoring to "even up" by leading the party off into a non-partisan movement. J. V. C. Karnes, he declared, was a man who had not in ten years voted a Republican tiket; that he was now out a sthe attorney of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company working for Jones as a reward for the act of the latter in making a decided stand in favor of the reduction of the assessed valuation of the company's property before the board of equalization.

"While Mr. Karnes states that he has not been in the office of the mayor in years," said Mr. Smith. "I know of my own personal knowledge," he said, "that his law partner was there with Mr. Holmes, of the street railway company, a year ago, and that, too, in close conference, and after that conference the mayor led the fight for a reduction in the equalization board in the assessed valuation of the property of the company with such effectiveness that it was reduced \$50,000. There are some things these days that smack of the payment of debts." Faxon, he declared, had been sore at the Republican party ever since it refused to

veness that it was reduced Som.ww. liese are some things these days that smack of the payment of debts."

John J. Green, who was making the rounds of a number of ward meetings, was enthusiastically cheered and made a short

"Would you accept a non-partisan nom-ination for mayor?" asked a voice from the

"No, I would not," was the quick reply.
"No, I would not," was the quick reply.
"And since you have asked me that question, I will forever silence another slander." tion. I will torever specified another said, "one propagated by that mug-he said, "one propagated by that mug-wump sheet. If every Democrat in Kansas City were to offer me his support as a Democratic candidate for the mayoralty I would refuse it. Under no circumstances would I accept such a nomination. The man who intimates that I would accept such a nomination is a liar. I am a Resuch a nomination is a liar. I am a Republican, and if my party cannot elect me I want no office. The Republican party is that of progress, liberty and home rule; it is good enough for me."

L. A. Laughlin and F. W. Sears also reviewed the records of Messrs. Faxon and Karnes. They denounced Mayor Jones, who, they said, had been elected by Republican votes, for permitting himself to be the willing instrument of such enemies of the party, backed by the Star.

Rev. Mr. W. D. Venerable paid his respects to "Fourth Assistant City Counselor Hadley," who, he said, in the circuit court a few days ago, while serving First Assistant City Counselor George Jones, had urged a jury to "discredit the testimony of two witnesses, because they were negroes," and who was then told by opposing counsel that he would soon be supplicating with colored voters for their suffrage, something witnessed Friday night at the Jones meeting. bublican, and if my party cannot elect me want no office. The Republican party is

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A feature of the meeting was the fact that every speaker roasted Mayor Jones for choosing at his non-partisan meeting Faxon, a bolter, and Karnes, the general attorney of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, as managers and speakers.

Candidates to speak were C. E. Burnham, W. E. Lathey, Jacob Jacobson, Scott Harrison and Colonel A. A. Jones.

EIGHTH WARD REPUBLICANS. Routine Business and Speeches by

the Rank and File Occupied the

Club's Attention. The meeting of the Eighth Ward Republican Club at Tacoma hall last night was argely devoted to routine business. C. S. Curry introduced a resolution, which was adopted, providing for the appointment of a committee of seven to lect and file the delegation for the Eighth ward and instructing the delegation to indorse the central committee in ruling that Republican party who receive the highest votes at the primaries. The resolution also provided that no proxies be admitted and that the delegation be instructed to fill

Bell, candidate for auditor, referthe "non-partisan" gathering at s hall, which he said augured well Strope's hall, which he said augured well for the success of Mayor Jones in his fight for renomination. Mr. Bell paid a high ribute to the colored voters and promised that, if elected, he would give one of his hree clerkships to a colored man. George M. Randall, candidate for auditor, jeclared for home rule, which, he said, George M. Randall, candidate for auditor, declared for home rule, which, he said, should be the Issue in the campaign. In reply to a question as to whether, if elected, he would give a colored man a clerkship, he replied:

"Yes, sir; I think I would."

Henry Simmons culogized the adminis-

Henry Simmons eulogized the adminis-ration of Mayor Jones when police judge. He declared that nine-tenths of the Re-publicans of the city were for Jones for

mayor.

Henry Sieben, plumbing inspector, declared that all was lovely down at the city hall and everybody was for Jones.

"There's only one show in this town." sald Mr. Sieben, "and that's the Jones was the countries of the co You'd better get your tickets right Sam E. Bear, a clerk in the superintendent of buildings' office, urged all present to work for home rule.

J. A. Lee, Henry Carter, Louis Bolden and several other colored men made speeches. speeches.
The following is the committee to file the Eighth ward delegation: J. F. Purdue, C. S. Curry, W. M. Davis, M. E. Getchell, Henry Sieben, J. A. Lee and M. A. Purs-

"THE PUSH" IN SONG.

Reformer" Shannon and Lowe, "the Great Big Joke," Given Prominence in Verse.

At a meeting of the Greater Kansas City Republican Club in the Rialto building Fri-day night a parody on "All Coons Look Alike to Me" was sung with the truthful Alike to Me" was sung with the truthful refrain, "all the push look alike to us." refrain. "all the push look alike to us
The words follow:
Talk about your statesmen having trouble!
We know the Democrats have pleaty of their own,
It's all about a reformer called Colonel Shannon,
And a great big joke called Prosecutor Lowe:
They are trying to capture Greater Kansas City,
Now, don't you thirk it is an awful pity?
And when we cast our votes in spring election
All good citizens will have protection.
From this Gang, these Hoodcost, these Reformers;
For these are the words we do say:

CHORUS:

The whole push looks alike to us,
We'll beat them or surely bust.
Johnule Green is good enough for us:
We don't need any of the Shannon slush,
We know that they are dead.
As in the papers you have surely read.
For the propie don't need them, nohow—
The push all looks alike to us.

Talk about Joe Shannon being a reformer! Boys, don't that make you sick? Now our brains with gladness am a reeling. For the election they can't steal any more! You all remember about the ballot box stuffing; Shannon and Findley were always there. And the rest of the push did their bluffing. And the rest of the plan sid their olumning.
And we never could get anywhere.
But now it's different! They're dead! Are they
it? Nit!
For these are the words we do say: [Chorus.]

Now look at the gang that's in the court house! Now now at the gang that's in the court house! The crooks and criminals have been treated nice—They all got fat jobs of being "trustles." And with the citizens that's going to cut'some ice, Now they took a poor old "nigger." Because, they said, he cuts no "figger." They gave him ten years in the pen.

Just because he stole a littie glass of jam! Well I'll be damn! It's no use! They have no exceptions.

NO WIND IN REED'S BOOM. feeting Called to Spring His Candidacy for Mayor Failed Materialize Last Night.

For these are the words we do say: [Chorus.]

The meeting announced in the interest of the candidacy of James A. Reed, county courselor, for the Democratic non as mayor, falled to materialize at 1117 Walnut street last night. Only a few laboring men were present, and the meeting was

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not called to order. A meeting has been called for to-morrow night at the same

place.
"We will have delegates from every ward "We will have delegates from every ward in the city present," said one of the laboring men who has Reed's candidacy in charge. "It is a little late in the campaign to bring out a new candidate, but Reed will defeat any one the Aurora Chibnow has out for the Democratic nomination, and before the primaries he will be the candidate of the Democrats."

Colored Republican League Meeting. The meeting last night of the Colored Republican Lengue, in the hall at 556 Grand

The meeting last night of the Colored Republican League, in the hall at 556 Grand avenue, was long on speakers and short on an audience. The general sentiment was for Mayor Jones, but the speeches, most of which were by the colored members and visitors, were pre-eminently Republican, and considerable enthusiasm was shown in the discussion of the threatened trouble with Spain.

Home rule in the police department and colored representation thereon was the proposition most frequently made and favorably received, and the determination to wrest all of Jackson county from the hands of the Democrats was frequently expressed. Mayor Jones was complimented on the work he had done for the city in the matter of parks and street improvements, and Mr. Cook, who served his political apprenticeship under Webster Davis, and has since been active in city politics in St. Louis, expressed the opinion that the fight for Mayor Jones was already won.

Political Notes.

A meeting of colored voters will be held one week from to-morrow night at the headquarters of the Watters' Club, 553 Grand avenue.

The final Republican demonstration of the campaign before the primaries will be held at the Gillias opera house on the evening of March 8.

A Republican rally under the auspices of the African-American Protective Club will be held to-morrow evening at 556 Grand avenue. The speakers will be: F. A. Turner, G. W. Porter, W. G. Mosely, L. C. Williams and N. C. Crews.

There will be a grand Republican rally held at 556 Grand avenue Monday night under the auspices of the rand avenue Monday night under the auspices of the A. P. C. The speakers will be W. G. Mosely, L. Williams, F. A. Turner, G. W. Porter and N. C. rews. All candidates are invited to attend.

Seven dimes and a nickel will buy a bottle of Paine's Celery Compound at the Dia-mond, 904 Main st.

WARRANT FOR DIMMITT. The Suspected P. & G. Robber Will Be

Arraigned Before a Justice Justice Joyce yesterday issued a warrant | Car south of Kansas City, Guif train robber. It charged him with entering the express car of the Pittsburg & Gulf train on the night of January 4, asstealing from the Fargo Express Company

stealing from the Fargo Express Company the following: Lady's gold watch valued at \$7.85. lady's silver watch valued at \$3.45; watch cases valued at \$13.16; package of jewelry findings, valued at \$2.25; one revolver valued at \$5.

It is hinted that a quantity of this stolen property was found in Dimmitt's room at Butler, Mo., but the police will not say so. Dimmitt will be arraigned before Justice Joyce Monday morning.

H. C. Mack, arrested Friday night on usspicion of being an accomplice of Dimmit, was released yesterday. There was no evidence upon which to hold him.

Kansas City Gold Mine Owners Re

joicing. Word has just been received at the offices of the Syndicate Gold Mining Company, of which A. F. Nathan and Frank B. Wilcox, of this city, are president and secretary and treasurer, respectively, and in which many of the prominent Kansas City business men are stockholders, that a rich strike has been made in the Gold Bug and Repeal veins on the company's property near Silverton, Col. The amount of ore disclosed is large and extends along a distance of over 200 feet in the veins, running several hundred dollars per ton.

The property has been inaccessible for two months on account of the snows, and its extreme elevation, and word was only recently sent down from the mine of the good fortune.

The stockholders held a meeting last

recently sent down from the mine of the good fortune.

The stockholders held a meeting last evening at the office of the company, in the M. K. & T. building, and decided on pushing the work considerably further on the veins, and many of those present pledged themselves for an additional investment in the property. Ore running \$5,000 per ton has been taken from the property within the last year, and the ore values wherever discovered have been very high.

Growing Importance of Corn. The Louisville Courier-Journal says: Here

The Louisville Courier-Journal says: Here in America, when we talk of corn everybody understands what we mean. In many other countries it is called "maire," or designated by words that come from the same root. In litaly they call it "grano Turco," or "grano Saraceno,"—Turkish or Saracen grain, in many countries the word corn is understood to mean grain, but especially wheat, or in Scotland caus. In the United States, however, everyone knows what corn is, though they may not appreciate its good qualities. Still, its friends can hardly complain, since it supports more lives than any other cereal except rice; and the people who live on rice belong largely to inferior races.

The production of corn in the United States has had a remarkable growth within fifty years. In 1850 the production of corn in the United States has had a remarkable growth within fifty years. In 1850 the production was off, 600,000 bushels, but by 1850 it had risen to 1.754,000,000 bushels, but by 1850 it had risen to 1.754,000,000 bushels, but by 1850 it had risen to 1.754,000,000 bushels, but by 1850 it had risen to 1.754,000,000 bushels. It is necessary to note, however, that the production was not perfectly the state of the year of the corn plant is peculiarly susceptible to weather conditions, especially at certain periods of its growth. In 1854 the production was down to 1.21,000,000 bushels.

Of course, the value varies very greaty with the vicisitudes of the seasons. For the calendar year 1854 the value of the crop was 45,7c per bushel; for 1856, 28 to per bushel. For the former of these years the yield per acre was 19,4 bushels, for the latter, 26.2 bushels. The larger production of the latter years the yield per acre was 19,4 bushels, for the latter, 26.2 bushels. The larger production of the small-er crop of 1884 are still effective in price, so far as the value per acre is concerned. The value of the smaller crop of 1884 are 1856 per acre, that of the harger in 1856 was 58.51. While the crop of 1895 exceeded that of 1894 by 340,000 America, when we talk of corn everybody unde

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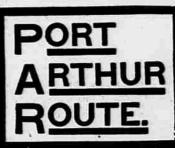
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